

mission if he had not been deceived by the Parliamentary resolutions ; and he charged the members of Parliament who had passed those resolutions with the responsibility of the disturbance in Toronto and elsewhere, and with the cause of O'Brien coming here.

"The Rev. Doctor then proceeded to read from a speech of O'Brien in Ireland, in which he announced that he would come to Canada to hunt and hoot Lord Lansdowne, the Governor-General, from one end of the Dominion to the other, and other like-tempered and insane language. Imagine the presumption of the man using such language when there were enough loyal British Irishmen in Ontario to send him and all his gang to sleep. O'Brien came to Canada to misrepresent and villify ; he came with hatred of England and disloyalty in his heart, and revenge in his intention. He questioned the wisdom of and the right to receive him. They were expected to tolerate and protect a man who came to this city to stir up strife and insult the citizens by insulting their guest, whom Lord Lansdowne, the Chief Officer of the Dominion, was, and because some could not suppress their rising blood and indignation, they were called intolerant. It is a question whether they were. Would a man permit his guest to be insulted in his own house ? Just as strongly is he bound to see that the rights of hospitality are not violated when the visitor is the guest of the city. Had O'Brien come to speak of the alleged wrongs of Ireland, he would have received a patient hearing ; but when he declared he came to Canada to attack our Chief Officer, to hound him and to hoot him from one end of the Dominion to the other, we had a right to object, and object strongly. One way to receive him, O'Brien, was that suggested by him (Dr. Wild) at the first intimation of his coming, which was to treat him with silent contempt both in the press and as citizens. The other way was to have met him on his arrival at the railway station by a deputation, and then after refusing to allow him to go up to the city, put him on the first train going East ; thus we in Toronto would have got rid of him.

"Had O'Brien given any proof of the truth of his allegations, he might have had some claim to our forbearance. But instead, two-third parts of his speeches were given up to the vituperation of his audiences, except when addressing his friends exclusively. He was simply abusive, using the vilest kind of expletives, calling his audiences jackasses and such like terms. If any one would father any argument or assertion made by O'Brien, he, Dr. Wild, would undertake to meet him before any audience, and refute the idea or acknowledge himself beaten. Toleration was greatly strained when such a man must be received in some of our Schools, and an address got up in the name of the children in which words were put into the mouths of those children laudatory of his *noble mission*. We,